established wagon building units available both in Public and Private Sectors. Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) are under the administrative control of Department of Heavy Industry (DHI). Out of four PSEs, three are sick. No decision has yet been taken for revival of these sick units. However, Government has decided for formation of Board for Reconstruction of PSEs (BRPSE). Any final decision of revival of the sick units would be taken by DHI after the cases are analysed by BRPSE and recommended for revival of otherwise.

(b) The cumulative losses of the three sick PSEs i.e. Burn Standard Company Ltd., Braithwaite & Company Ltd. and Bharat Wagon & Engineering Co. Ltd. as on 31.3.04 is Rs. 887 crores (approx.) and no decision has been taken to waive their losses.

(c) Assistance has been provided to these PSEs from time to time in the form of plan and non-plan support. For about 8.3 crores Plan assistance has been provided during 2003-04 and 2004-05 for modernization of these PSEs.

Development of model railway stations

290. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have decided to develop 317 stations out of 8000 stations as model stations by March, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) the details of stations that have been identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the total number of stations developed as model stations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) 319 stations over Indian Railways have been selected as model stations upto October, 2004 for providing

upgraded passenger amenities, depending upon the category of stations.

(c) In Andhra Pradesh, 13 stations have been identified as model stations which are: Dharmavaram, Guntakal, Guntu'r, Hyderabad, Kacheguda, Kakinada, Nellore, Rajahmundry, Secunderabad, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Warangal.

(d) 58 stations have already been developed as model stations.

Permission for goods transport

291. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether persmission has not been given for goods transports in the newly introduced Bodi-Coimbatore train in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the permission is likely to be given taking into account the Bodi's biggest cardamom trade with other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No new train has been introduced between Bodinaikanur and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cell phones to train drivers

292. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide cell phones to train drivers to make travel safe;

(b) if so, the details of the project and how far will it help to control rail accidents; and